

Narwee Public School

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Term 1 – Week 6

Wednesday 4th March 2013

Principal's Report

Congratulations to all our students who took part in the District Swimming Carnival on Monday. Thank you also to the many parents who went along as spectators.

Unfortunately last Friday the rainy weather prevented us from holding our scheduled Clean Up Day so it will now occur this Friday 8th March.

Bunnings at Greenacre have kindly donated some equipment to support this activity. We received gardening gloves, garbage bags, rubbish prongs and disposable gloves. Bunnings have also offered future support for upcoming activities. We thank them for all their assistance.

On the 14th & 15th March I will be attending the Regional Principals Conference and will not be at school. These days provide an extensive Professional Development agenda and an opportunity to discuss high quality programs occurring in schools.

Rene Demos – Principal

Notes Due Back

- **UNSW Competitions** – note and payment due back by **Friday 8th March**.
- **Harmony Day Sausage Sizzle** – note and payment due back to the canteen by **Friday 15th March**.
- **Book Club Issue 2** – due back by **Wednesday 20th March**
- **Year 2 Nursing Home Visit Note** – due back by **Wednesday 20th March**.
- **Easter Guessing Competition** – tickets and money due back by **Tuesday 26th March**.

School Security

Please help keep our school safe

If you see anything unusual happening in the school grounds please call School Security on:

1300 880 021

Term Calendar

Upcoming Events at Narwee Public School
Please put these dates in your diary.

Term 1, Week 6

Friday 8 th March	PSSA – Round 2
Friday 8 th March	Clean Up Australia

Term 1, Week 7

Friday 15 th March	PSSA – Round 3
Friday 15 th March	Stewart House Bags Due

Term 1, Week 8

Tuesday 19 th March	Harmony Day
Wednesday 20 th March	P&C Meeting – 7.00pm
Friday 22 nd March	Combined Easter Service
Friday 22 nd March	PSSA – Round 4

Term 1, Week 9

Monday 25 th March	Yr 2 Nursing Home Visit
Wednesday 27 th March	K – 2 Easter Hat Parade
Friday 29 th March	Public Holiday – no school

Term 1, Week 10

Monday 1 st April	Public Holiday – no school
Friday 5 th April	PSSA – Round 5

Term 1, Week 11

Thursday 11 th April	Acknowledgement Day
Friday 12 th April	ANZAC Day Service
Friday 12 th April	PSSA – Round 7
Friday 12 th April	Last Day of Term 1



Awards

Congratulations to the following students who received awards at our last assembly.

Isaac (3/4R)	Kristina (3/4R)
Sulia (3/4R)	Sadek (5/6F)
Anne-Marie (5/6F)	Sione (3L)
William (2/3S)	Mark (4/5B)
Paige (3L)	Ahmad (3L)
Sally (5/6K)	Sarah (5/6K)
William (5/6K)	Jordan (2/3S)
Kevin (2/3S)	Aaryan (2/3S)
Elias (4/5B)	Natalie (4/5B)
Emma (4/5B)	Isaak (2C)
Kaitlin (2C)	Isaac (1L)
Marxus (1L)	Ali (KV)
Cynthia (KV)	Nancy (KP)
Maraam (KP)	Zac (1/2C)
Cameron (1/2C)	Trent (1/2C)

Clean Up Day

Due to the wet weather last Friday, Clean Up Day has been postponed to this Friday – **8th March**. Classes will be provided with bags supplied by Clean Up Australia and will be allocated certain areas of the school grounds to clean.

It is recommended that parents, where possible, provide students with disposable gloves on the day in order to maintain cleanliness and safety on the day.

Mr Vaccaro

Kindergarten Information

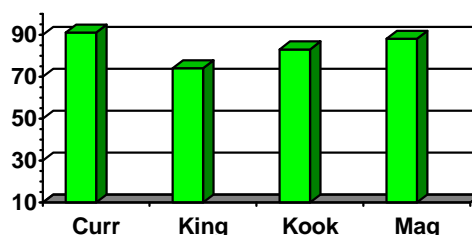
Helping your Kinder Child Succeed at School.

A great way to kick off your child's formal education is to understand the school culture and what your child is doing in the classroom.

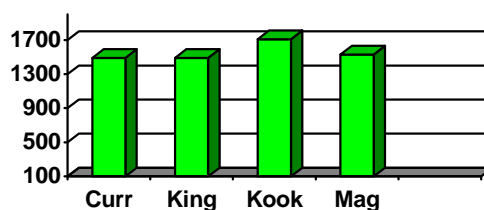
Find out more at:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/development/helping-kindy-kids-succeed-at-school>

HOUSE POINTS



UNIFORM SPOT CHECK



Swimming Carnival

On Monday, **Aliyah** (5/6F), **Ky** (5/6K), **Jason** (5/6K), **Onofre** (4/5B), **Eunice** (3/4R), **Qualin** (3/4R), **Paige** (3L), **Jordan C** (3L), **Jordon V** (3L), **Tia** (2/3S) and **Sean** (2/3S) participated in the Georges River District Swimming Carnival at Roselands Pool. **Zac** (5/6K) had also qualified but was unable to attend.

All Narwee students competed against swimmers from 15 other schools in our district with enthusiasm and good sportsmanship. They should be congratulated for their wonderful efforts, cheering and positive attitude.

Special congratulations go to **Paige** who qualified for her finals in the 8 Yr 50m Freestyle and finished in 5th place.

Many thanks to the parents, family members and friends who drove students to the pool, cheered and help organise the students for their races. A special mention goes to **Miss Martin** for timekeeping on the day and **Miss Allison** for assisting when needed. Thank you to everyone for your support.

Mrs Rizzov

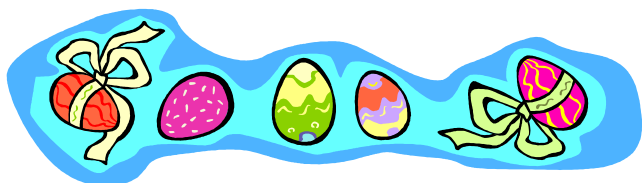
Easter Egg Donations

Just a reminder that we are collecting Easter eggs for our Year 2 students to take with them in their visit to the local nursing home.

All students that donate eggs will go into a draw to win an Easter prize. The eggs can be handed in at the front office.

Combined Easter Service

Come and Join Us



On **Friday 22nd March 2013**, a Combined Scripture Easter Service will take place in our hall from 10.50am to 11.20am. This has been organised by The Narwee Baptist Church.

If you do not wish your child to attend this service, please notify your child's class teacher.

Bike Helmets

When riding a bicycle you are required by law to wear an approved bicycle helmet securely fitted and fastened. There are no exemptions from wearing an approved bicycle helmet in New South Wales. Research studies identify that helmets reduce head injury by 60 per cent and brain injuries by 58 per cent in the event of a crash. A helmet which is not correctly fitted and fastened **does not** provide enough protection in a crash.

All students from Narwee Public School who ride a bike or scooter to school must wear a helmet.

Students riding to school are asked to walk their bikes across the crossing. For safety reasons please do not ride your bike across the wombat crossing.

- Bike helmets should fit comfortably and securely when the straps are fastened.
- The straps should not be twisted and/or cover the ears. When done up correctly, the straps should provide a snug fit over the ears and under the chin.
- Choose a bright coloured helmet so other road users can see you.
- Helmets should be replaced if they have been dropped onto a hard surface or involved in a crash or severe fall, you see any cracks in the foam or if the strap looks worn or frayed.
- Bikes must be fitted with a working horn or bell to help sound a warning to other cyclists or pedestrians.
- Bikes must be fitted with at least one working brake.

Stewart House

The eldest child in each family will be issued with a Stewart House Donation Drive envelope. Your donation helps support the 1800 children that attend Stewart House each year from public schools across NSW and the ACT.

Please place a donation of \$2.00 in the envelope, complete the entry details on the back and return it to your child's class teacher to be eligible to go into the draw to win a \$4000 family holiday to the destination of your choice.

Envelopes must be returned by Friday 10th May 2013.

The draw will take place at Stewart House on **Friday 24th May 2013**. The winner will be notified by telephone and mail.

Further information including full terms and conditions are available on

www.stewarhouse.org.au

or by contacting Stewart House on 02 9938 3021.



School Safety

Safety of our students is a priority at Narwee Public School. We need to be aware of any people that are within school grounds at all times.

All parents/carers are reminded that when entering the school grounds during the day they must report to the front office first. This includes when picking children up early or visiting throughout the day. Parents are not permitted to wander around the school grounds during school hours.

We appreciate your support in this matter.

Nursing Home Visit

The Year 2 students of our school will be visiting the residents of Bupa Nursing Home, Roselands on **Monday 25th March** where they will sing Easter songs and distribute eggs donated by the families of Narwee Public School.

If your child is in Year 2 please ensure their permission note to attend this event is returned to your child's class teacher no later than **Wednesday 20th March**.

Mrs Muffett

P&C News

Hi folks – I can't believe we are already in Week 6 of the school term. A few weeks ago the P&C held their first meeting for the year and I am pleased and grateful to say that we had a good turnout. A big thank you to Café 52a who opened their doors that night especially for our event. We were able to enjoy our meeting over a coffee and cake. The P&C team were joined by **Mrs Demos** and three of her executive team – **Mrs Berrett**, **Mrs Muffett** and **Mrs Rizzov**. Thank you ladies for attending. In addition we had a visit from **Lynne** and **Barry** from Pole Depot to talk about some exciting new opportunities opening for our school. We also had a great show of parents on the night. Thank you so much for joining us and exercising your right to participate in the running of our school. We hope to see you at future meetings.

An early reminder that our next meeting will be held on **Wednesday 20th March** at 7.00pm in the school library. Please pencil this date in your diary. We will also be reminding everyone closer to the date.

Easter Guessing Competition

I am very excited. This week we have attached our Easter Guessing Competition flyer to the newsletter. Please have a good read of the information on the flyer as there are some great prizes up for the winning. We have been blessed, due to the very generous donations by local and not so local businesses.

We have some very attractive goodies to be won. There will be 10 prizes to win and the competition winners will be drawn on **Thursday 28th March** at the school assembly. The P&C look forward to bringing smiles to some lucky faces.

Second Hand Uniforms

We are in need of second hand uniforms. If anyone has any pieces of the school uniform that their child has grown out of please donate it to us. The P&C will distribute the uniforms (in collaboration with Mrs Demos' help) where most needed in the school – whether it be a deserving family, the school office for when our little people have accidents and/or if we receive a lot of donations we can sell for a reasonable price. All proceeds will go back into the school to be used where needed. You can drop off your second hand uniforms to any P&C representative. We ask that you bring in your donations on Thursday mornings. One of the P&C team will be available to collect your uniform items. We will be located in the storage room which is next to Mrs Pentecost's classroom. Please remember we can only accept clean, official Narwee Public school badged uniform items. We cannot accept uniform items that are generic or that have the incorrect copyrighted school badge.

Thanks folks we look forward to seeing you around the school grounds and at P&C meetings. Remember the P&C is here to offer you a voice should you wish to voice anything with the school. We also need your help with ideas and participation in fundraising events. As Whitney Houston so powerfully sung 'the children are our future' - we can't forget how important our children's education and early school years are to their future success and happiness as adults.

Cerise Packer – P&C President

Online Safety Tips

Webcam Safety

If your child is asking you to buy a webcam, it's worth asking what it will be used for and where it will be used. Think carefully about who your child will be talking to and what they may be able to see through the webcam. You may choose to place the computer where you can easily see your kids using it. Here are some questions to ask yourself before purchasing a webcam:

- Do you know when the webcam will be used?
- Will you know who your child will be talking to?
- Can you disconnect the webcam or securely turn it off?
- Can you control access to the camera through a password?

Online Etiquette

Encourage your child to be a good digital citizen. Life online works better when people maintain good online manners and treat each other as they would like to be treated. Talk about this with your child and it may lead to a decline in bullying behaviour and disagreements that children have.

Safe Passwords

Encourage your child to set passwords that are easy to remember but hard to guess. The best passwords mean something memorable to you but wouldn't randomly be guessed by others. Select passwords that are:

Long – the more characters your password has, the lower the probability that it can be randomly cracked.

Diverse – use a range of different characters including capital letters, numbers and special characters (like a \$ symbol).

Stranger Danger

Ensure your child never organises to meet up with any strangers that they may have met online. Remind your child to be wary of opening emails from strangers too. They could contain spam (online junk mail), a virus (that could harm your computer) or be from a stranger.

